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Excise Officers Arrest 55 at Ball State, I.U. During Tailgating

MUNCIE, Ind. (Sept. 3) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 20 people on 23 charges at Ball State University's first home football game on Thursday, Aug. 31 and 35 people on 36 charges during Indiana University's first home game on Saturday, Sept. 1.

On Thursday, excise officers arrested 19 minors for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol during Ball State's game against Eastern Michigan. One person was also charged with possession of false ID. One adult was cited for aiding a minor to possess alcohol.

Excise officers jailed a 19-year-old girl for illegal possession of alcohol, false informing and public intoxication after she provided officers with someone else's name. She tested .162% BAC.

In Bloomington on Saturday, excise police officers arrested 34 minors – including four juveniles less than 18 years old – for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol during I.U.'s game against Indiana State. One adult was also cited for aiding a minor to possess alcohol.

Indiana State Excise Police officers, who are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission, were working in Muncie and Bloomington this weekend as part of the Intensified College Enforcement, or ICE, program launched last semester. The ICE initiative aims to reduce underage access to and use of alcohol at six college campuses: Ball State, Butler, Indiana, Indiana State, Notre Dame and Purdue.

While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.